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**California Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Justice Program
DRAFT EJ Action Plan
For 2004-2006**

1. **Provide Guidance on Cal/EPA Precautionary Applications**
   a. Convene Precautionary Applications Workgroup
   b. Identify where/how precaution is currently applied in Cal/EPA's environmental programs and recommend other areas for application
   c. Identify reasonable, cost-effective approaches that could be used to prevent or minimize adverse environmental impacts
   d. Identify current protocols and practices for risk assessments currently conducted and identify areas for EJ consideration
   e. Develop guidance for Cal/EPA precautionary applications and recommendations for implementation

2. **Conduct Cumulative Health Impacts Reduction Plan (CHIRP) Pilot Projects and Develop Guidance on Cumulative Impacts Analysis**
   a. Convene CHIRP Workgroup
   b. Inventory current cumulative health impacts studies and tools
   c. Develop a common, objective definition for cumulative impacts to be used by Cal/EPA and criteria for pilot projects
   d. Identify and assess cross-media coordination projects for EJ cumulative impacts potential
   e. Select 3 pilot projects (Northern California, Southern California, and Sierra Nevada Region); define scope of pilot projects
   f. Develop and implement CHIRP for each pilot project
      (1) Establish baseline, goals and objectives
      (2) Define cumulative health impacts
      (3) Develop strategies, actions, implementation mechanism, measures and timeframes
      (4) Monitor implementation and report progress
   g. Evaluate CHIRP pilot projects and provide recommendations
      (1) CHIRP effectiveness in pilot project areas
      (2) Transferability of strategies to other communities
      (3) Definitions and procedures for cumulative impacts analysis by Cal/EPA
   h. Develop Cal/EPA guidance on cumulative impacts analysis; recommend implementation options (e.g., regulation, legislation, etc.)

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3. **Improve Tools for Public Participation, Community Capacity Building, and Communication**
   a. Develop agency-wide public participation guidelines; update annually as necessary
   b. Develop common definitions
   c. Establish agency-wide translation contract
   d. Secure funds and implement Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program
   e. Identify opportunities to address EJ in existing Cal/EPA loan and grant programs
   f. Improve Cal/EPA EJ Web page to provide:
      (1) EJ clearinghouse, with collections of stories from stakeholders on community EJ issues, successes and problems
      (2) Grants and other funding sources to address EJ
      (3) Links to information in Spanish and other languages, including health information, environmental pollutant emission/release data, fish advisories, etc.
      (4) All public education materials currently being translated or could be translated
      (5) Ensure tools available on EJ Website (e.g., M. Firebaugh Community book regarding parks)

4. **Integrate EJ Into Other Components of the Environmental Action Plan**
   a. Get gross-polluting vehicles off the road now
      (1) Strong enforcement to reduce emissions from diesel trucks/buses
      (2) Expand "scrappage" programs (e.g., expand program to establish priority to most affected communities)
   b. Restore our urban environments
      (1) Develop an Infill Incentives Package
      (2) Resolve impediments to complete cleanup of Brownfield sites
   c. Focus on children's health
      (1) Inventory projects to improve air quality along freeways
      (2) Direct water/park bond funds to give priorities to projects that reduce childhood asthma
   d. Tough enforcement of existing laws; enforcement settlements to provide direct environmental improvement through supervised projects

5. **Ensure Meaningful Public Participation in Implementing EJ Action Plan**
   a. Continue meetings and teleconferences with community groups
   b. Participate in EJ Toxics Tours
   c. Provide triennial update to the Legislature on EJ implementation progress
   d. Provide update to and obtain input from EJ stakeholders on key action plan components